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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Neuruppin

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 14 December 1950

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1. Between 4 and 7 December 1950, up to 15 groups, each of about nine soldiers, were observed engaged in drill and firing practice with carbines in the billeting area of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, Neuruppin (N 53/2 49). The soldiers seemed to be recruits.

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2. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne was still occupied by about 1,800 troops between 10 and 14 December. Six groups, each of 24 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, marched into the installation on 14 December, coming from the direction of the town. Motor vehicles were identified in the billeting area on 10 December, and on 11 December. Six sidecar motorcycles, each with one officer beside the driver, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were observed leaving the installation toward Altruppin. Motor vehicles were identified on 12 December 1950. *

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3. The Fridericus Kaserne was still occupied by about 5,000 troops. Nine JS tanks left the installation on 11 December, moving through the southern gate on Ruppinerallee. Reconnaissance car and truck loaded with luggage, left the barracks installation through the southern gate, and motor vehicles through the northern gate, on 12 December.

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4. The See Kaserne still quartered about 1,200 troops. Six T-34 tanks left the installation on 14 December, moving toward Kraenzlin. Motor vehicles
5. The former German post hospital housed a Soviet hospital and a headquarters. Passenger cars were parked in the driveway on 12 December. **

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[redacted] Comment. The report does not indicate any changes in the number of troops over the last report by the same source.

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[redacted] of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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[redacted] Other sources repeatedly reported during recent months that the former German hospital was occupied only by a Soviet headquarters. [redacted]

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